

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Letter to Congressional Leaders on the Continuation of the National Emergency  
Concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) Pandemic**  
*February 10, 2023*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Madam President:)*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020, beginning March 1, 2020, concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2023.

Today, we are in a different phase of the response to that pandemic than we were in March of 2020, and my Administration is planning for an end to the national emergency, but an orderly transition is critical to the health and safety of the Nation.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 concerning the COVID–19 pandemic. I anticipate terminating the national emergency concerning the COVID–19 pandemic on May 11, 2023.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Kevin O. McCarthy, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Kamala D. Harris, President of the Senate. An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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